

House Study Bill 25

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a school district
2 innovation grant program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.24 SCHOOL DISTRICT
1 2 INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM == LEGISLATIVE INTENT.
1 3 1. The department shall establish a school district
1 4 innovation grant program, subject to an appropriation by the
1 5 general assembly for that purpose, to promote innovation in
1 6 the delivery of instruction related to the Iowa core
1 7 curriculum and twenty-first century skills.
1 8 2. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
1 9 school district innovation grants be used to capture promising
1 10 new practice and innovation for the delivery of instruction.
1 11 3. Grant moneys, in amounts to be determined by the
1 12 department, shall be distributed by the department to
1 13 qualifying school districts not later than October 15 of the
1 14 fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated.
1 15 4. By February 15 of the fiscal year for which the funds
1 16 were appropriated, a school district or collaboration of
1 17 school districts receiving grant moneys under this section
1 18 shall submit an interim report to the department describing
1 19 the innovations made by the school district or the
1 20 collaboration of school districts and providing preliminary
1 21 conclusions. By June 1 of the fiscal year for which the funds
1 22 were appropriated, the school district or collaboration of
1 23 school districts shall submit a final report to the
1 24 department. The department shall summarize the school
1 25 district reports in a final report to the general assembly by
1 26 January 15 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for
1 27 which funds were appropriated for purposes of this section.
1 28 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
1 29 unobligated funds remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year for
1 30 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
1 31 be available for expenditure for the following fiscal year for
1 32 purposes of this section.

EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill directs the department of education to establish
1 35 a school district innovation grant program, if the general
2 1 assembly appropriates funds for that purpose, to promote
2 2 innovation in the delivery of instruction related to the Iowa
2 3 core curriculum and twenty-first century skills. The bill
2 4 provides legislative intent that the school district
2 5 innovation grants be used to capture promising new practice
2 6 and innovation for the delivery of instruction.
2 7 Grant moneys, in amounts to be determined by the
2 8 department, must be distributed by the department to
2 9 qualifying school districts not later than October 15 of the
2 10 fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated.
2 11 The bill establishes dates by which a school district or
2 12 collaboration of school districts receiving grant moneys must
2 13 submit an interim report, then a final report, to the
2 14 department. The department is directed to summarize the
2 15 school district reports in a final report to the general
2 16 assembly by January 15 of the following fiscal year.
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